

this 105th Congress, and I am open to working with all interested Members, Democrat or Republican, to develop a bipartisan patient protection bill. In the meantime, Mr. Speaker, H.R. 586, the Patient's Right to Know Act, which has 299 cosponsors and would ban gag rules, should be brought to the floor for a vote.

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Mr. Speaker, just last week a pediatrician told me about a 6-year-old child who had nearly drowned. The child was brought to the hospital and placed on a ventilator. The child's condition was serious. It did not appear that he would survive. As the doctors and the family prayed for signs that the boy would live, the hospital got a call from the boy's insurance company. Explained the HMO, "Home ventilation is cheaper than inpatient care. I was wondering if you had thought about sending the boy home."

Or consider the death of Joyce Ching, a 35-year-old mother from Fremont, California. Mrs. Ching waited nearly 3 months for an HMO referral to a specialist, despite continued rectal bleeding and severe pain. Joyce Ching was 35 years old when she died from a delay in diagnosis of her colon cancer. Joyce Ching, Christy DeMeurers, Michelina Baumann, Dr. Peeno's patient, Mr. Speaker, these are not just "anecdotes." These are real people who are victims of HMOs. Let us fix the problem. The people we serve are demanding it.

To paraphrase Shakespeare: Hath not these "anecdotes," these HMO victims' eyes? Hath not these "anecdotes" hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions, fed with the same food, hurt with the same weapons, subject to the same diseases, warmed and cooled by the same winter and summer as these same HMO apologists? If you prick the "anecdotes," do they not bleed? If you tickle these "anecdotes," do they not laugh? If you shortcut their care for profits, do they not die? And for those who dismiss them as "anecdotes," will they not revenge?

Mr. Speaker, let us act now to pass meaningful patient protections. Lives are in the balance.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2400, BUILDING EFFICIENT SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND EQUITY ACT OF 1997

Mr. MCINNIS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report

(Rept. No. 105-476) on the resolution (H. Res. 405) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2400) to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### MAKING IN ORDER ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1998, MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND PASS H.R. 1151, CREDIT UNION MEMBERSHIP ACCESS ACT

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that, notwithstanding clause 1 of rule XXVII, it be in order at any time on Wednesday, April 1st, 1998, for the Speaker to entertain a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1151, Credit Union Membership Access Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. GREENWOOD (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for after 5:00 p.m. today on account of official business.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. CLEMENT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MASCARA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. DOOLITTLE) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HOEKSTRA, for 5 minutes each day, today and on April 1st.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SAXTON for 5 minutes today.

(The following Member (at her own request) to revise and extend her re-

marks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, for 5 minutes, today.

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. CLEMENT) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. KIND.

Mr. MCDERMOTT.

Mr. STARK.

Mr. FILNER.

Mr. CRAMER.

Mr. BENTSEN.

Mr. LAFALCE.

Mr. ALLEN.

Mr. MOAKLEY.

Mr. VENTO.

Mr. KANJORSKI.

Mr. SCHUMER.

Mr. WYNN.

Mr. RUSH.

Mr. SABO.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DOOLITTLE) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mrs. ROUKEMA.

Mr. GILMAN.

Mr. REDMOND.

Mr. WOLF.

Mr. SOLOMON.

Mr. GEKAS.

Mr. KLUG.

#### SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1751. An act to extend the deadline for submission of a report by the Commission to Assess the Organization of the Federal Government to Combat the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction; to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition, to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m.) the House adjourned until Wednesday, April 1, 1998, at 10 a.m.

#### EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports and amended reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for official foreign travel during the second quarter of 1997 and the first quarter of 1998 by various Committees of the House of Representatives, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, as well as consolidated report of foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Speaker-authorized official travel in the first quarter of 1998 are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN MAR. 22 AND JUNE 30, 1997

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. Tom Bliley	3/22	3/25	Brazil		850.00						850.00
	3/25	3/28	Argentina		822.00						822.00
	3/28	4/1	Chile		1,165.00						1,165.00
Hon. Henry Waxman	3/22	3/25	Brazil		850.00						850.00
	3/25	3/28	Argentina		822.00						822.00
	3/28	4/1	Chile		1,165.00						1,165.00
Hon. Billy Tauzin	3/22	3/25	Brazil		850.00						850.00
	3/25	3/28	Argentina		822.00						822.00
	3/28	4/1	Chile		1,165.00						1,165.00
Hon. Edward Markey	3/22	3/25	Brazil		850.00						850.00
	3/25	3/28	Argentina		822.00						822.00
	3/28	4/1	Chile		1,165.00						1,165.00
Hon. Michael Billirakis	3/22	3/25	Brazil		850.00						850.00
	3/25	3/28	Argentina		822.00						822.00
	3/28	4/1	Chile		1,165.00						1,165.00
Hon. Paul Gillmor	3/22	3/25	Brazil		850.00						850.00
	3/25	3/27	Argentina		822.00		1,767.55				2,589.55
Hon. Joe Barton	3/22	3/25	Brazil		850.00						850.00
	3/25	3/28	Argentina		822.00						822.00
	3/28	4/1	Chile		1,165.00						1,165.00
James Derderian	3/22	3/25	Brazil		850.00						850.00
	3/25	3/28	Argentina		822.00						822.00
	3/28	4/1	Chile		1,165.00						1,165.00
Edward Hearst	3/22	3/25	Brazil		850.00						850.00
	3/25	3/28	Argentina		822.00						822.00
	3/28	4/1	Chile		1,165.00						1,165.00
Patricia Paoletta	3/22	3/25	Brazil		850.00						850.00
	3/25	3/28	Argentina		822.00						822.00
David Schooler	3/22	3/25	Brazil		850.00						850.00
	3/25	3/28	Argentina		822.00						822.00
	3/28	4/1	Chile		1,165.00						1,165.00
Marie Burns	3/22	3/25	Brazil		850.00						850.00
	3/25	3/28	Argentina		822.00						822.00
	3/28	4/1	Chile		1,165.00						1,165.00
Patricia Paoletta	3/22	3/25	Brazil		850.00						850.00
	3/25	3/28	Argentina		822.00						822.00
David Schooler	3/22	3/25	Brazil		850.00						850.00
	3/25	3/28	Argentina		822.00						822.00
	3/28	4/1	Chile		1,165.00						1,165.00
Marie Burns	3/22	3/25	Brazil		850.00						850.00
	3/25	3/28	Argentina		822.00						822.00
	3/28	4/1	Chile		1,165.00						1,165.00
Patricia Paoletta	4/14	4/17	Mexico		400.00		1,056.83				1,456.83
Edward Hearst	4/13	4/17	Mexico		500.00		1,089.83				1,589.83
Hon. Anna Eshoo	3/31	4/2	Guatemala		378.00						378.00
	4/2	4/6	Jamaica		972.24						972.24
Hon. Bobby Rush	5/25	5/25	Cape Verde								
	5/26	5/28	South Africa		501.00						501.00
	5/28	5/30	Angola		688.00						688.00
	5/30	5/30	Zaire								
	5/30	6/2	Zimbabwe		1,122.00						1,122.00
Committee total					36,275.24		3,914.21				40,189.45

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

TOM BLILEY, Chairman, Apr. 17, 1997.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. AND MAR. 1998

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. F. James Sensenbrenner	1/2	1/9	India		1,570.00		6,392.00				7,962.00
Todd R. Schultz	1/2	1/9	India		1,570.00		6,392.00				7,962.00
Hon. George E. Brown	2/13	2/18	Mexico		1,084.00		608.25				1,692.25
Michael Quear	2/13	2/18	Mexico		1,084.00		556.25				1,640.25
Committee total					5,308.00		13,948.50				19,256.50

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

JAMES SENSENBRENNER, Chairman, Mar. 17, 1998.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY VISIT TO BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, FRANCE, AND THE U.K., HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN FEB. 14 AND FEB. 22, 1998

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. Doug Bereuter	2/14	2/16	Belgium		\$540.00		(?)				
	2/16	2/17	France		287.00						
	2/21	2/22	U.K.		354.00						\$1,181.00
Hon. Gerald Solomon	2/14	2/16	Belgium		540.00		(?)				
	2/16	2/19	France		861.00						
	2/19	2/22	U.K.		1,062.00						2,463.00
Hon. Tom Bliley	2/14	2/16	Belgium		540.00		(?)				
	2/16	2/19	France		861.00						
	2/19	2/22	U.K.		1,062.00						2,463.00
Hon. Paul Gillmor	2/14	2/16	Belgium		540.00		(?)				
	2/16	2/19	France		861.00						
	2/19	2/22	U.K.		1,062.00						2,463.00
Hon. Porter Goss	2/14	2/16	Belgium		540.00		(?)				
	2/16	2/19	France		861.00						
	2/19	2/22	U.K.		1,027.00						2,428.00
Hon. Herb Bateman	2/14	2/16	Belgium		540.00		(?)				
	2/16	2/19	France		861.00						
	2/19	2/22	U.K.		1,062.00						2,463.00
Hon. Scott McInnis	2/14	2/16	Belgium		540.00		(?)				
	2/16	2/19	France		861.00						
	2/19	2/22	U.K.		1,062.00						2,463.00
Hon. Norm Sisisky	2/14	2/16	Belgium		540.00		(?)				
	2/16	2/19	France		861.00						
	2/19	2/22	U.K.		1,062.00						2,463.00

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY VISIT TO BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, FRANCE, AND THE U.K., HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN FEB. 14 AND FEB. 22, 1998—Continued

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Susan Olson	2/14	2/16	Belgium		540.00		(?)				
	2/16	2/19	France		861.00						
	2/19	2/22	U.K.		1,062.00						2,463.00
Jo Weber	2/14	2/16	Belgium		540.00		(?)				
	2/16	2/19	France		861.00						
	2/19	2/22	U.K.		1,062.00						2,463.00
Martin Stetzing	2/14	2/16	Belgium		540.00		(?)				
	2/16	2/19	France		861.00						
	2/19	2/22	U.K.		1,062.00						2,463.00
Robin Evans	2/14	2/16	Belgium		540.00		(?)				
	2/16	2/19	France		861.00						
	2/19	2/22	U.K.		1,062.00						2,463.00
Linda Pedigo	2/14	2/16	Belgium		540.00		(?)				
	2/16	2/19	France		861.00						
	2/19	2/22	U.K.		1,062.00						2,463.00
Jim Doran	2/14	2/16	Belgium		540.00		(?)				
	2/16	2/19	France		861.00						
	2/19	2/22	U.K.		1,062.00						2,463.00
Ron Lasch	2/14	2/16	Belgium		540.00		(?)				
	2/16	2/19	France		861.00						
	2/19	2/22	U.K.		1,062.00						2,463.00
Mark Gage	2/14	2/16	Belgium		540.00		(?)				
	2/16	2/19	France		861.00						
	2/19	2/22	U.K.		1,062.00						2,463.00
Total				38,091.00						38,091.00	

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<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

DOUGLAS BEREUTER, Mar. 5, 1998.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, TRAVEL TO FRANCE, VIETNAM, MALAYSIA AND HOLLAND, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND JAN. 12, 1998

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Uy�n T. Dinh	1/	1/	France								
	1/6	1/12	Vietnam		1,300.00						1,300.00
	1/12	1/1	Malaysia		350.00		20.00				370.00
	1/1	1/13	Holland								
Total				1,650.00		20.00				1,670.00	

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UY N DINH, Mar. 9, 1998.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

8307. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Service's final rule—Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California; Temporary Suspension of Continuing Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV98-925-1 FIR] received March 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8308. A letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—General Administrative Regulations; Nonstandard Underwriting Classification System (RIN: 0563-AB05) received March 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8309. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Imidacloprid; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300629; FRL-5778-9] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received March 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8310. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on the transfer of property to the Republic of Panama under the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977 and related

agreements, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3784(b); to the Committee on National Security.

8311. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Central Contractor Registration [DFARS Case 97-D005] received March 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on National Security.

8312. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Federal Reserve System, transmitting the System's final rule—Reserve Requirement of Depository Institutions [Regulation D, Docket No. R-0988] received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

8313. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Federal Reserve System, transmitting the System's final rule—Expanded Examination Cycle For Certain Small Insured Institutions [Regulation H; Docket No. R-0957] received March 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

8314. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, transmitting the Office's final rule—Expanded Examination Cycle For Certain Small Insured Institutions (RIN: 1550-AB02) received March 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

8315. A letter from the Deputy Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Service, transmitting the Department's final rule—

Food Labeling: Nutrient Content Claims, Definition of Term: Healthy [Docket Nos. 91N-384H and 95P-0241] (RIN: 0910-AA19) received March 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8316. A letter from the Deputy Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Direct Food Substances Affirmed as Generally Recognized as Safe; Maltodextrin Derived From Rice Starch [Docket No. 91G-0451] received March 27, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8317. A letter from the AMD—Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Technical Requirements to Enable Blocking of Video Programming Based on Program Ratings [ET Docket No. 97-206] received March 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8318. A letter from the AMD—Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding Installment Payment Financing For Personal Communications Services (PCS) Licenses [WT Docket No. 97-82] received March 30, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

8319. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 98-A, which relates to the Department of the Air Force's